

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An ink-storing member for a writing instrument which stores an ink for a writing instrument, wherein the above ink-storing member for a writing instrument comprises a multilayer structure comprising an organic high molecular compound layer constituted of an organic high molecular compound and an inorganic compound layer constituted of an inorganic compound.
2. (Original) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in claim 1, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument has a parallel light transmittance of 50 % or more.
3. (Currently Amended) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein the inorganic compound layer is constituted of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of inorganic compounds of SiO, SiO₂, Al₂O₃, CaF₂, SnO₂, CeF₃, MgO, ZnO, TiO₂, MgAlO₄, In₂O₃, SrCu₂O₂, CuInO₂, CuInSe₂ and ITO.
4. (Currently Amended) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 2, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument has an oxygen permeability of 10 cc/m²·Day·atm or less at 24°C

and 65 %RH and a steam permeability of $10 \text{ g/m}^2 \cdot \text{Day} \cdot \text{atm}$ or less at 40°C and 90 %RH.

5. (Currently Amended) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 2, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument is obtained by sticking on a molded article comprising an organic high molecular compound, a multilayer film obtained by coating an inorganic compound layer on one face of an organic high molecular film by any one method of a deposition method, a sputtering method, an ion plating method, a plasma method and a chemical vapor deposition method and coating an adhesive layer on the other face.

6. (Currently Amended) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument is an ink-storing vessel or an ink-storing tube for a writing instrument.

7. (New) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in claim 2, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument is an ink-storing vessel or an ink-storing tube for a writing instrument.

8. (New) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in claim 3, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument is an ink-storing vessel or an ink-storing tube for a writing instrument.

9. (New) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in claim 4, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument is an ink-storing vessel or an ink-storing tube for a writing instrument.

10. (New) The ink-storing member for a writing instrument as described in claim 5, wherein the ink-storing member for a writing instrument is an ink-storing vessel or an ink-storing tube for a writing instrument.